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Docket No. 60,130-1004 (96AUT013)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ruppert et al. Art Unit: 3611
Serial No.: 09/781,795 Examiner: Vanaman, F.
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For: LOW FLOOR DRIVE UNIT ASSEMBLY FOR AN ELECTRICALLY
DRIVEN VEHICLE
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 23, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph at page 5, line 3 added in the previous amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims. A marked up version of the claims is attached in Appendix A. Please cancel claims 42, 47 and 56.

41. (Amended) An automotive vehicle drive unit assembly comprising:
first and second driving axle shafts being co-linear and defining a lateral axis of
rotation;